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I have the honour to transmit, enclosed herewith, the document on crimes of genocide against the Serbs in the municipality of Metković (Republic of Croatia) 1991-1992 given to the State Commission for War Crimes.

I should be grateful if you would inform other members of the Security Council with the contents of the enclosed report.

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Annex

NEW CRIMES OF GENOCIDE AGAINST THE SERBS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF METKOVIĆ 1991 - 1992

I

The municipality of Metković covers the area in South Dalmatia in the Neretva river valley, from the Adriatic Sea some 22 kilometres upstream to the town of Metković, the municipality seat.

The Serbs have lived in this area since the second half of the Seventh century. Through history, their number was decreasing, at first as a result of proselytism exercised by the Roman Catholic Church and the Catholic State of Venetia and Austria, and then during the Second World War, from 1941 to 1945, as a result of the Ustashi crime of genocide committed by the authorities of the fascist Independent State of Croatia which had previously declared war to the Western Allies.

During the Second World War, over 600 Serbs of the area were brutally murdered by the Croatian Ustashi authorities, mainly at the well-known place of execution "under the poplar-tree" in the vicinity of Opuzen, in the Ustashi concentration camp of Jasenovac and other locations. The largest number of victims were from the Serb village of Glušci near Metković. 41% of the Serbs from this village died a martyr's death in the Ustashi Jasenovac death camp. Among them, 47 were children, 17 of whom were infants born in the period 1941 to 1944, 20 were girls and young women and 23 were elderly women, some very old, ill and apoplectic.

All victims of the Ustashi crime of genocide were murdered only because there were Serbs and of Serbian-Orthodox religion.

II

After the secession of Croatia from Yugoslavia and after admission of Croatia to membership in the United Nations in particular, the Croatian authorities in the municipality of Metković renewed their terror against the Serbs, just like the terror against the Serb that has been renewed in the entire territory of Croatia. At first, the terror was manifested in threats of all kinds, dismissals from employment, taking away to forced labour for military purposes, restriction of movement, prevention of engagement in private catering, trade and handicraft businesses, prevention of land cultivation and harvesting, arrest and detention of civilians only because they were Serbs and of Orthodox religion, expulsion from their forefathers' homes, plundering of flats and business premises, shooting at Serb houses and demolition and burning down of buildings and Serb places of worship - Orthodox churches and cemeteries.

Considering that in 1991-1992 there were no war operations in the area of the municipality of Metković, the crimes which were committed and are still being committed by the Croatian authorities undoubtedly have the character of the crime of genocide defined by the Convention of the United Nations General Assembly adopted on 9 December 1948.

The anti-Serb terror and demolition and burning down of residential houses and business premises of Serbs, carried out by the Croatian authorities in the municipality of Metković, are aimed at expelling the Serbs from the area and preventing them from ever coming back, whereas demolition of Orthodox churches and cemeteries is aimed at destroying the national and spiritual belonging and historical memory of the Serbs. The system of burning down and demolition carried out by the Croatian authorities is aimed at uprooting any remembrance of the past and making any future survival of the Serbs impossible in the municipality of Metković.

In the municipality of Metković, the Serbs have lived in the town of Metković itself and in the villages of Glušci, Kremena and Mihalj. They did not belong to any political parties, were not members of any military units and did not take part in any armed operations or preparations for any such actions.

III

On 9 May, 1992, the Croatian authorities arrested 19 Serbs from the Serb village of Glušci on charges of "armed rebellion against the Croatian state", although there had not been any rebellion whatsoever. They were all honest people who worked hard to support their families. The arrest and fabricated accusations were aimed at making it impossible for the rest of Serbs, elderly men, women and children, to remain in the village where Serbs had lived for centuries, indicating the resolve of the Croatian authorities to carry out ethnic cleansing and make the village disappear.

• The following Serbs from the village of Glušci were arrested and prosecuted:

- 1 ARNAUT SLOBODAN, late Ilija, born 1947,
- 2 ARNAUT SIMO, lt. Stanko, born 1952,
- 3 ARNAUT VASO, lt. Stanko, born 1955,
- 4 BOJBAŠA NEDJO, lt. Pero, born 1937,
- 5 BOJBAŠA MILORAD, lt. Mijo, born 1955,
- 6 BOJBAŠA JOVO, Nikola, born 1954,
- 7 BOJBAŠA DJORDJE, Jovo, born 1954,
- 8 BOJBAŠA NIKOLA, lt. Andrija, born 1947,
- 9 BOJBAŠA JOVO, lt. Nikola, born 1937,

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- 10 BOJBAŠA ANDRIJA, Boško, born 1966,
- 11 BOJBAŠA MILAN, Boško, born 1968,
- 12 BOJBAŠA DJORDJE, Boško, born 1970,
- 13 PUCAR SIMO, Boško, born 1954,
- 14 PUCAR DANILO, Pero, born 1949,
- 15 STANIĆ BOŠKO, lt. Boško, born 1921,
- 16 VUKOVIĆ MOMO, Simo, born 1954,
- 17 VUKOVIĆ JOVO, Marko, born 1961,
- 18 VUKOVIĆ JOVO, lt. Jovo, born 1961,
- 19 VUKOVIĆ RADOVAN, lt. Jovo, born 1968.

The arrested villagers were first imprisoned in Metković, then in Split and Šibenik. After the agreement on the exchange of prisoners of war was reached between the FR of Yugoslavia and Croatia, the Croatian authorities brought the arrested villagers from Glušci to the village of Nemetine near Osijek, on 14 August 1992, in order to exchange them for Croatian soldiers who had been captured in battles. The authorities had dressed these Serb civilians intended for the exchange in uniforms of the Yugoslav Army, in order to deceive the international public, as if captured soldiers were being exchanged, whereas in exchange, they did get captured Croatian soldiers, including some notorious war criminals, like Manda Matić.

Of the 19 Serb civilians from the village of Glušci brought for the exchange, 12 accepted to be transferred to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and 7 decided not to accept the exchange, hoping that the Croatian authorities would release them and let them go back to their village. But, the Croatian authorities sent them back to prison in Šibenik, where they were kept for 56 more days before they were allowed to return to their village on 9 October 1992. No guilt of the imprisoned Serbs was ever proved. After five months of imprisonment, they were acquitted, but the verdict has no practical meaning since the exchanged cannot go back to their homes.

- The following Serbs 1) from the village of Glušci were retained in prison for 56 more days after they had refused to be exchanged:

- 1 ARNAUT SLOBODAN, lt. Ilija, born 1947,
- 2 ARNAUT SIMO, lt. Stanko, born 1952,
- 3 BOJBAŠA NEDJO, lt. Pero, born 1937,
- 4 BOJBAŠA NIKOLA, lt. Andrija, born 1947,
- 5 PUCAR DANILO, Pero, born 1949,
- 6 STANIĆ BOŠKO, lt. Boško, born 1921,
- 7 VUKOVIĆ JOVO, lt. Jovo, born 1961.

IV

Immediately after the secession of Croatia from Yugoslavia, the Croatian authorities in the municipality of Metković started to expel Serbs from enterprises and institutions wherein they were employed. The following Serbs were expelled from work:

- 1 ARNAUT LUKA, Lazo, employed in "INA-PLIN",
- 2 ARNUAT DANILO, lt. Luka, employed in "Coca-Cola",
- 3 ARNAUT VASO, lt. Stanko, employed in "Razvitak",
- 4 BOJBAŠA NIKOLA, Jovo, employed in "Komunalno",
- 5 BOJBAŠA BRANKA, wife of Nikola, employed in "Razvitak",
- 6 BOJBAŠA ŽARKO, Jovo, employed in "Razvitak",
- 7 BOJBAŠA DUŠAN, Nikola, employed in PIK "Neretva",
- 8 BOJBAŠA RANKO, Jovo, employed in PIK "Neretva",
- 9 BOJBAŠA NIKA, wife of Ranko, employed in PIK "Neretva",

- 10 BOJBAŠA PREDRAG, Jovo, employed in "Razvitak",
- 11 BOJBAŠA JOVO, lt. Nikola, employed in PIK "Neretva",
- 12 BOJBAŠA MILAN, Boško, employed in "Razvitak",
- 13 BOJBAŠA SIMO, lt. Mijo, employed in "Energoinvest",
- 14 BOJBAŠA MILA, wife of Simo, employed in the community health centre,
- 15 ČELIĆ MILOVAN, Djurdj, employed in "Razvitak",
- 16 KADUEVIĆ BRANKO, Milan, employed in PIK "Neretva",
- 17 PAČIĆ MIROSLAV, lt. Mić, employed in "DVD Metković",
- 18 PAČIĆ ILKO, Jovo, teacher in the primary school,
- 19 POPOVAC SINIŠA, Pero, employed in the Metković mill,
- 20 ROMOVIĆ DUŠAN, Milovan, president of the vourt,
- 21 ROMOVIĆ DUŠANKA, wife of Dušan, teacher in the Secondary (Grammar) School,
- 22 STANIĆ ŽIVKA, wife of Milan, employed in "Poduh",
- 23 VLAČIĆ DRAGICA, wife of Voja, employed in "Elektroneretva",
- 24 VUKOVIĆ JOVO, Marko, employed in "Razvitak".

• At the same time, private catering, trade and handicraft businesses were made impossible for:

- 25 ARNAUT PERO, Luka, whose coffee bar was torn down,
- 26 ARNAUT ANA, wife of Pera, who worked in the coffee bar,
- 27 ARNAUT NEBOJŠA, Pavo, whose restaurant was torn down,
- 28 ARNAUT JUGOSLAV, Pavo, whose shop was torn down,
- 29 TOMA GOJKOVIĆ, goldsmith,
- 30 KADUEVIĆ LUKA, lt. Jovo, who owned a Snack Bar,
- 31 KNEŽIĆ MILOŠ, Špiro, whose restaurant was torn down,
- 32 POPOVAC SREten, Spasoje, who worked in the snack bar.

V

• In the 1991-1992, 70 families with 183 members were expelled by the Croatian authorities from the municipality of Metković. According to the available data, which are incomplete, the following Serbs were expelled:

- 1 ARNAUT PERO, Luka, with wife and two children,
- 2 ARNAUT NEBOJŠA, Pavo, with his wife,
- 3 ARNAUT JUGOSLAV, Pavo,
- 4 ARNAUT JOVANKA, Nedjo,
- 5 ARNAUT ILIJA, Vida, with his wife and three children,
- 6 ARNAUT LUKA with his wife,
- 7 ARNAUT JOVO with his wife and two children,
- 8 ARNAUT LAZO with his wife,
- 9 ARNAUT DANILO, lt. Luka, with his wife and two children,
- 10 ARNAUT VASO, lt. Stanko,
- 11 BOJBAŠA JOVO, lt. Nikola with his wife,
- 12 BOJBAŠA NIKOLA, Jovo, with his wife and four children,

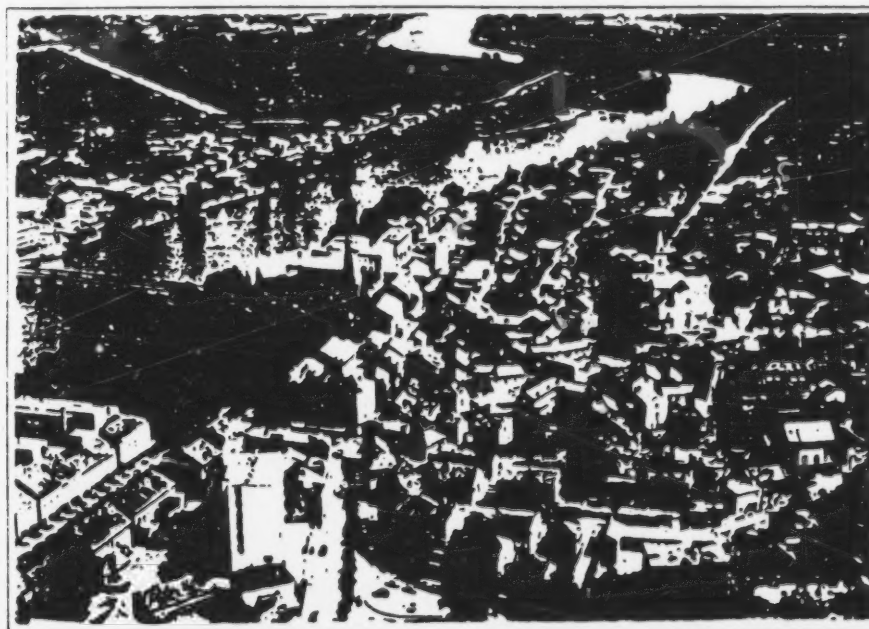
- 13 BOJBAŠA ŽARKO, Jovo, with his wife and three children,
- 14 BOJBAŠA JOVO, lt. Jovo, with his wife and child,
- 15 BOJBAŠA DJORDJE, Jovo,
- 16 BOJBAŠA MARKO, Jovo, with his wife,
- 17 BOJBAŠA ILIJA, Mijo, with his wife and child,
- 18 BOJBAŠA DUŠAN, Nikola,
- 19 BOJBAŠA BOSA, widow of Djordje,
- 20 BOJBAŠA RANKO, Jovo, with his wife and child,
- 21 BOJBAŠA PREDRAG and MILE, Jovo,
- 22 BOJBAŠA JOVO, PERO and ALEKSANDRA, Nedjo,
- 23 BOJBAŠA JOVO, Nikola, with his wife and four children,
- 24 BOJBAŠA MILORAD, lt. Mijo, with his wife and three children,
- 25 BOJBAŠA JOVO, lt. Nikola,
- 26 BOJBAŠA ANDRIJA, Boško, with his wife,
- 27 BOJBAŠA MILAN and DJORDJE, Boško,
- 28 BOJBAŠA MILADIN and TIHOSAVA, Nikola,
- 29 BOJBAŠA SIMO, lt. Mijo, with his wife and a child,
- 30 BOJBAŠA MUO, Simo, with his wife,
- 31 ČELIĆ DJURADJ with his wife,
- 32 ČELIĆ MILOVAN, Djurdj, with his wife,
- 33 GARAČA BOŠKO with his wife and child,
- 34 GOJKOVIĆ TOMA with his wife and two children,
- 35 JOKIĆ MILAN with his wife and two children,
- 36 KADUEVIĆ LUKA, lt. Jovo, with his wife and two children,
- 37 KADUEVIĆ LUKA, Mladen, with his wife and child,
- 38 KADUEVIĆ JOVO, Peko, with his wife,
- 39 KADUEVIĆ MARINKO, Luka,
- 40 KADUEVIĆ VANJA, Djordje,
- 41 KADUEVIĆ NIKOLA, Simo,
- 42 KADUEVIĆ BRANKO, Milan,
- 43 KNEŽIĆ ŽELJKO, Tomo,
- 44 KNEŽIĆ MILOVAN, Špiro, with his wife and two children,
- 45 KNEŽIĆ MIJO, lt. Mirko, with his wife,
- 46 KNEŽIĆ RANKO, lt. Špiro, with his wife,
- 47 KNEŽIĆ MILOŠ, Špiro,
- 48 KNEŽIĆ KRSTO, Špiro, with his wife and child,
- 49 KOSIĆ RADIVOJE with his wife and two children,
- 50 LAKETA RADOSLAV (pnesi) with his wife and two children,
- 51 LAJIĆ GORDANA and JOVO, Mitar,
- 52 LIKIĆ PERO, lt. Dušan, with his wife, two children and mother,
- 53 POPOVAC STANA, widow of Nikola and her grandchild,
- 54 POPOVAC NIKOLA, lt. Špiro,
- 55 POPOVAC SREten, Spasoje, with his wife and two children,
- 56 PAČIĆ MIROSLAV, lt. Mića, with his wife and four children,
- 57 PAČIĆ ILKO, Jovo,
- 58 PUCAR MILAN (Gašo) with his wife and child,
- 59 PUCAR LAZO, lt. Mišo,
- 60 PUCAR SIMO, Boško,
- 61 PUCAR ALEKSANDAR, Nikola,
- 62 RADJENOVIĆ RAIKO with his wife and child,
- 63 ROMOVIĆ DUŠAN, Milan, with his wife and two children,

- 64 STANIĆ MILAN, Boško, with his wife and four children,
- 65 ŠUKOVEZ BRANKO, lt. Veljko,
- 66 VLAČIĆ SOFJA, widow of Ilija,
- 67 VLAČIĆ VOJO, lt. Nikola, with his wife and three children,
- 68 VUKOVIĆ MOMO, Simo, with his wife and two children,
- 69 VUKOVIĆ JOVO, Marko,
- 70 VUKOVIĆ RADOVAN, lt. Jovo.

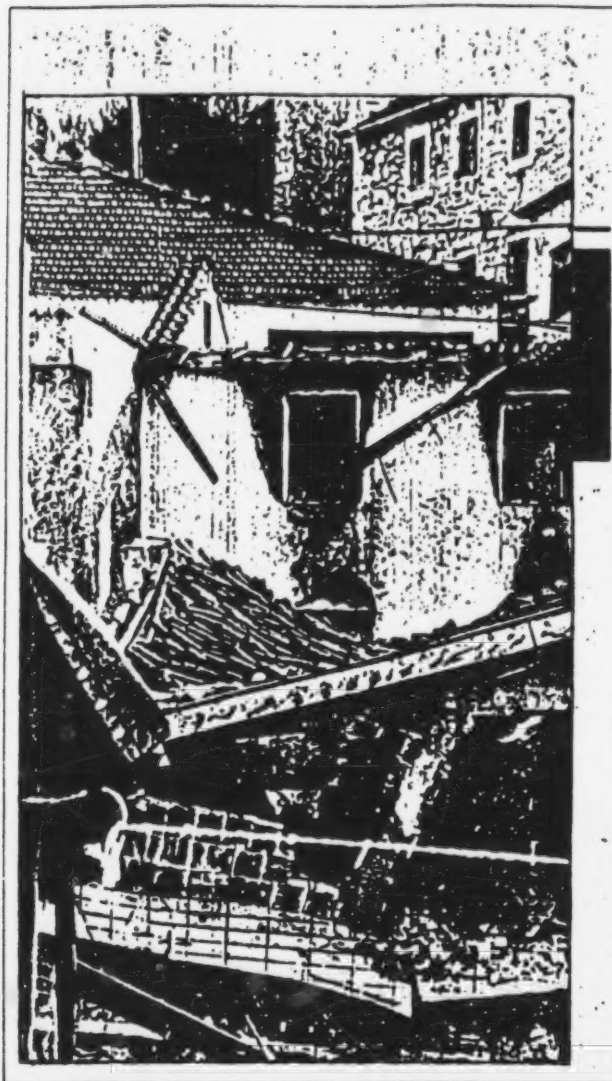
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■ The Demolished or burnt down finished residential houses and other buildings in the town of Metković are owned by:

- 1 ARNAUT PERO, Luka, coffee bar of cca 36 m² at 4 Stjepana Filipovića Street,
- 2 ARNAUT NEBOJŠA, Pavo, and KNEŽEVIĆ MILOŠ, restaurant of cca 200 m² on the big market
- 3 ARNAUT JUGOSLAV, Pavo, residential house of about 350 m² in the area of Božina bb and shop of cca 40 m² at the big market,
- 4 ARNAUT VASO, lt. Stanko, residential house of cca 160 m² at 94 Petra Krešimira IV St.,
- 5 ARNAUT ILIJA, Vida, residential house of cca 230 m² at 63 Petra Krešimira IV St.,
- 6 BOJBAŠA NIKOLA, Jovo, residential house of cca 240 m² at 99 Petra Krešimira IV St.,
- 7 BOJBAŠA ŽARKO, Jovo, residential house of cca 240 m² at 101 Petra Krešimira IV St.,
- 8 BOJBAŠA BOSA, widow of Djordje, residential house of cca 150 m² at 28 Father Ante Gabrić St.,
- 9 BOJBAŠA MIJO, Simo, residential house of cca 250 m² in the area of Pržina bb,
- 10 BOJBAŠA JOVO, lt. Jovo, residential house of cca 280 m² at 35 Petra Krešimira IV,
- 11 BOJBAŠA JOVO and NIKOLA, lt. Jovo, residential house of cca 280 m² at 55 Father Ante Gabrić St.,
- 12 BOJBAŠA DJORDJE, Jovo, residential house of cca 280 m² at 60 Petra Krešimira IV St.,
- 13 BOJBAŠA NIKOLA, lt. Jovo, residential house of cca 280 m² at 96 Petra Krešimira IV St.,
- 14 BOJBAŠA NEDJO, lt. Pero, residential house of cca 120 m² at 1 Petra Krešimira IV,
- 15 BOJBAŠA DJOKO, lt. Milka, residential house of cca 150 m² at 49 Petra Krešimira IV St.,
- 16 GOJKOVIĆ TOMO, residential house of cca 270 m² in the area of Pržina bb,
- 17 KNEŽIĆ JOVO, residential house of cca 360 m² in the area of Božina bb,
- 18 PAČIĆ MIROSLAV, lt. Mića, residential house of cca 340 m² at 3 Jeovci St.,
- 19 PAČIĆ NIKO, lt. Mićo, residential house of cca 240 m² at 10 Petra Krešimira IV St.,
- 20 POKRAJAC MILORAD, Marko, residential house of cca 160 m² in the area of Nevolaje bb,
- 21 VLAČIĆ VOJA and LJUBO, lt. Nikola, residential house of cca 200 m² at 9a Father Ante Gabrić St.,
- 22 VUKOVIĆ ILINKA, residential house of cca 80 m² at Vrbovec bb St.,
- 23 VUKOVIĆ MOMO, Simo, residential house of cca 180 m², Vrbovec bb St.,



Panorama of the town of Metković in which 38 Serb houses have been demolished



Burnt and mined houses of Vojo and Ljubo VLAČIĆ, li. Nikola, in the centre of Metković, at 9 and 9a Father Ante Gabrić St. The house at No. 9a was burnt in the night of 1-2 July 1992. The house at No. 9 was mined in the night of 6-7 November 1992.

- 24 ARNAUT ŠPIRO, li. Ilija, stable with a cow in Jevoći bb St.,
- 25 KNEŽEVIĆ RATKO, Luka, stable cca 60 m² in the area of Bočina bb St.,
- 26 ČUPURDŽIJA DUŠAN, economy building of cca 30 m² at IV bb Petra Krešimira St. (the area of Vrbovec),
- 27 KNEŽIĆ ANDJA, li. Krsto, economic building with cca 160 m² at 53 Father Ante Gabrić St.

■ The demolished unfinished residential houses and other buildings in the town of Metković are owned by:

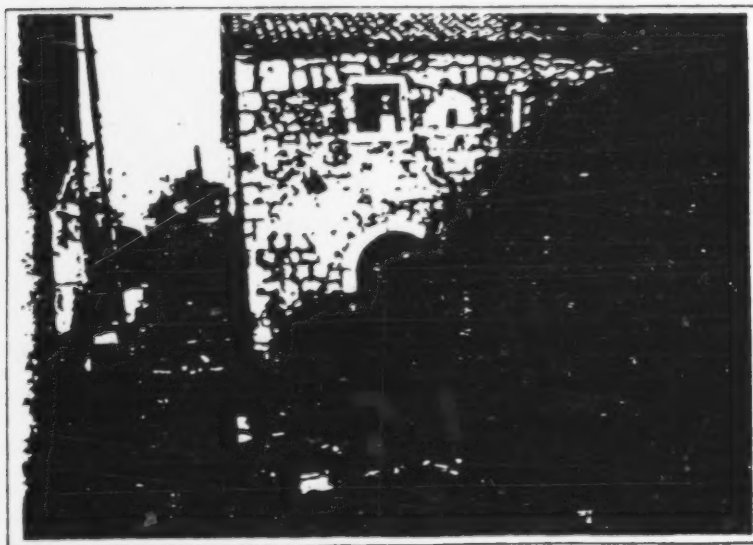
- 1 KADUEVIĆ DUŠAN, Mijo, residential house with cca 300 m² at 6b Jevoći St.,
- 2 PUČA SIMO, Boško, residential house of cca 240 m² at bb Petra Krešimira IV St. (the area of Klad),
- 3 BOJBAŠA ANDRIJA, Boško, residential house of cca 100 m², in the area of Pržina bb St.,



View of the peninsula of Brjeg and the village of Kremena

4 ŠUKOVEZ STEVA, lt. Pera, residential house of
cca 200 m² at 6a Jeovski St.,

5 VLAČIĆ VOJO and LJUBO, lt. Nikola, residential
economy building of cca 700 m² at 9 Father Ante
Gabrić St.



*The houses in the Serb village of Kremena which were torn down in 1992. The entire village with
23 houses has been demolished*

■ **The partly demolished or damaged residential houses and other buildings in the town of Metković are owned by:**

- 1 ARNAUT JOVO, lt. Luka, residential house of cca 220 m² at 69 Petra Krešimira IV St.,
- 2 ARNAUT NEDJO, Jovo, residential house of cca 220 m² at 82 Petra Krešimira IV St.,
- 3 KNEŽIĆ RATKO, Luka, residential house of cca 200 m² in the area of Božna bb,
- 4 KNEŽIĆ ŠPIRO, lt. Krsta, residential house of cca 300 m² in the area of Božna bb,
- 5 VLAČIĆ SOFJA, widow of Ilija, residential house of cca 120 m² at 67 Petra Krešimira IV St.,
- 6 ARNAUT ILIJA, Špiro, residential house of cca 150 m² at 8 Jevci St.

■ **The demolished residential houses in the village of Kremena:**

- 1 KNEŽIĆ MUO, lt. Mirko, new building of cca 100 m²,
- 2 KADJUEVIĆ MUO "Bača", new building of cca 80 m²,
- 3 KADJUEVIĆ RISTO, new building of cca 80 m²,
- 4 About 20 old residential houses of Kadjević's and Knežić's.

By the end of 1992, in the town of Metković and the village of Kremena, 61 residential houses, business premises and economy buildings of the Serbs were demolished or partly torn down by the Croatian authorities. Most of the houses were modern buildings, with all modern conveniences and installations, many with floor heating. The finished buildings were furnished with modern furniture, household appliances and other amenities of a modern household. Garages of many buildings housed passenger cars, agricultural machinery (tractors, motor cultivators, sprinklers, etc.) and other agricultural implements.

All the demolished and damaged houses had been previously completely plundered.

VII

■ **The residential buildings and apartments moved in by force in the town of Metković**

The Croatian authorities in Metković and soldiers of the Croatian National Guard (ZNG) forcibly moved in new tenants in 10 residential houses and apartments of the following Serbs in the town of Metković:

- 1 ARNAUT VIDA, Ilija, residential house at 63 Petra Krešimira IV St. After moving out, the building was plundered and then pulled down and burnt,
- 2 ARNAUT VASO, lt. Stanko, residential house at 94 Petra Krešimira IV St. After moving out, the building was plundered and pulled down,
- 3 BOJBAŠA JOVO, lt. Jovo, residential house at 35 Petra Krešimira IV St. After moving out, the building was plundered and pulled down,
- 4 ČELIĆ DJURADJ, apartment at 6/II Bana Jelačića Square,
- 5 GARAČA BOŠKO, apartment at 6 Stjepana Filipovića St.,

- 6 JOKIĆ MILOVANA, apartment at 6/III Bana Jelačića Square,
- 7 KOSIĆ RADIVOJ, apartment at 6/V Bana Jelačića Square,
- 8 POPOVAC NIKOLA, lt. Špiro, residential house at 14 Petra Krešimira IV St. After moving out, the building was plundered,
- 9 RADJENOVIC RAJKA, apartment in the "Mikačić" building,
- 10 VLAČIĆ SOFJA, widow of Ilija, residential house at 67 Petra Krešimira IV St. After moving out, the building was plundered and then partly pulled down.

■ **The residential buildings moved in by force in the village of Kremena are owned by:**

- 1 KNEŽIĆ MUO, lt. Mirko, residential house which was plundered and then pulled down after being moved out,
- 2 KADJUEVIĆ MUJA (Bača), residential house which was plundered and then pulled down after being moved out,
- 3 KADJUEVIĆ RISTO, residential house which was plundered and then pulled down after being moved out.

■ **The residential houses of the following Serbs in the town of Metković were shot at:**

Unidentified soldiers of the Croatian Armed Forces disturbed the Serbs in Metković also by shooting at the following houses at night, when the residents were inside with their families:

- 1 PAČIĆ DRAGAN, lt. Mišo, 97 Petra Krešimira IV St.,
- 2 FILIĆ NOVICA in the area of bb Nokat,
- 3 VUKOVIĆ ANDJELKO, JOVO, bb Petra Krešimira IV St. (the area of Klade).

VIII

■ **Demolished and damaged Serbian-Orthodox churches and cemeteries**

The Croatian authorities in the municipality of Metković pulled down to the ground the Serbian-Orthodox Church of St. George in Metković and mined and damaged the Serbian-Orthodox Church of St. Spiridon in the village of Kremena and demolished the cemetery around it.

1. The Serbian-Orthodox Church of St. George in Metković was pulled down by the Croatian authorities on 31 May 1992. Some graves around the church were also damaged by the mining.

The church was built in 1851 on the foundations of a much older church. The entire church interior was covered with frescos representing figures of Christian saints, painted by academic painters Marko Ilić, deacon, and Dragan Marunić, from Belgrade. The church had a beautiful iconostasis, a work by the artist Vojislav Bilbija.

The church was built in 1862 on the peninsula of "Brijeg" overlooking the Neretva Strait on the Adriatic Sea. Together with it, many graves and tombstones were pulled down. Croatian soldiers shot at tombstones and open tombs.

The Serbian-Orthodox Church of St. Spiridon and the cemetery in the village of Kremena which were damaged and torn down in June 1992



The Serbian-Orthodox Church of St. George in Metković was demolished on 31 May 1992

The demolition of Serbian-Orthodox churches in the Municipality of Metković is aimed at destroying the spiritual belonging and historical memory of the Serbs, uprooting the traces of their existence in the Neretva valley, whereas genocidal and vandal crimes are intended to ethically cleanse from Serbs the area which they settled in mid Seventh century,

at the time of Byzantine Czar Traqly (who ruled from 610 to 641), as confirmed by the historical documents, such as Franconian annals from the year 822 and the comprehensive work of the Byzantine Czar Constantine VII Porphyrogenite (905-951) "De administrando imperio", chapters 30, 33, 34 and 35 in particular.



Serbian-Orthodox Church of St. Spiridon in the village of Kremena was mined and partly pulled down by the Croatian authorities in June 1992



Photographed relief of the area of the municipality of Metković